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STATUS INOUIRY

A national phase application was filed on June 2, 2006. However, since then applicant has not received the Notice of Acceptance and Official Filing Receipt from the Patent Office regarding the application. Inquiry is made as to when the Notice of Acceptance and Official Filing Receipt will be forthcoming. Please direct any response to this inquiry to Linda Hull at telephone number (703) 816-4127.

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